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WAR NEWS.

SUBMARINES' NEW WEAPON.

Though it is careful to refrain from any mention of the revolt (and apparently the suppression) of von Tirpitz, the official *Cologne Gazette* makes suggestive reference to the future course of German submarine warfare:—

While we hope and assume that the new armament of our submarines with guns of long range will facilitate their operations, we cannot help admitting—and all the world must agree with us in this respect—that under the recently adopted rules the submarines run a much greater risk of incurring their own destruction than they did when they could torpedo a vessel without warning.

It becomes clear, therefore, that the probability is in the direction rather than the new course the German Government has adopted will add to our losses—already very serious—in men and boats.

Thus the silly contention of our enemies that the losses we have sustained offer the ground for our change of procedure in our U boat war is at once disposed of.

DRAMA UNDERGROUND.

HOW A GERMAN MINE WAS REMOVED.

News has reached Blackburn that Lieutenant W. Cooper, an old Blackburn amateur footballer, was decorated at the front with the Military Cross for an act of remarkable coolness and resource. Lieutenant Cooper, who was mining in the Malay States when war broke out, hurried home and joined the Royal Engineers. He had been ten weeks in the trenches at the foot of Hill 60 when he earned the Military Cross. He was driving a mine 192 yards long under the German position, and had got within a few yards of his objective when he broke into a German mine crammed with high explosives. For a moment he thought his party were doomed, but he quickly cut the wires leading to the German trenches and, sending back for help, proceeded to carry away the enemy's explosives piecemeal. As the tunnel was very low, he and his men lay head to foot and passed the stuff back from hand to hand. The task occupied twelve hours, there being one ton and a half of explosives. No mishap occurred, but five of Lieutenant Cooper's men were rendered unconscious by fumes, and four of them received the D.C.M. for their share in this remarkable feat.

LADY MINER'S MUNIFICENCE.

OFFER OF £15,000,000 FOR THE BENEFIT OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS!

New Zealand (writes a correspondent of a London paper) is fitting out its second hospital ship, and citizens from all over the country are offering their best for its equipment. One remarkable offer made by a lady reads like a Jules Verne romance.

This is the free gift from her of a deposit of scheelite—an ore yielding tungsten, used in the hardening of steel—containing 30,000 tons, now worth £631 per ton. Multiplied out at even £500 per ton, there is a cool offer of £15,000,000 to be picked up for the working of the stuff. Ever since she was a child the lady has been interested in mining and geology, and has lived as a working miner on the Yukon River, in Alaska, in Australia, and in New Zealand, and declares that she can do a day's hard work in the mine along with any man. The fact that she owns and works (as a sideline) a gold mine is but an item in the story.

The scheelite deposit was discovered in the Marlborough district of New Zealand several years ago, and it consists of three reefs, over which she holds the mineral rights. One of these she has offered to the Government, and the other two—one larger and the other smaller—she is reserving for herself. The offer to the Government is made conditional upon all moneys received for stuff actually worked being paid over to the wounded soldiers.

BEYOND HUMAN ENDURANCE.

The Hamburg *Freidenblatt* prints some further revelations regarding the "thieves' syndicates who are living on the blood and bones of the poor" by exacting exorbitant profits from the sale of necessities:—

Truly, the patience and long-suffering of our housewives is being tried beyond human endurance.

To the authorities it is seemingly not enough that the prices of daily necessities have risen in many cases by 75 per cent. over the normal. The people must also be victimized by dealers who defraud them mercilessly while the Government and municipal functionaries who are paid to do so refuse to lift a finger to protect them.

Citizens are urged, nay, almost commanded, without cessation, to eat less meat and fish and consume more fruit, of which this year we have an abundant crop. They hasten to obey these injunctions, and with what result? The shopkeeper refuses to sell except by the crate, declines to weigh it in the presence of the purchaser, who is to be content with a verbal assurance as to the contents of the crate.

Returning home, the housewife finds that she has not the proper weight. If she complains she is told she need not make any more purchases.

Cases have come under our notice where the crates were two pounds short on seven pounds of plums, two pounds short on nine pounds of tomatoes, seven pounds short on thirty-two pounds of apples, and so on.

This is a disgraceful state of things. It is but too evident that the country people have been to school with the scoundrelly big contractors and middlemen who are in league to rob the Government and deceive and defraud hard city workers who already have the greatest trouble to make both ends meet.

And the Government does nothing but flood the towns with appeals for economy.

GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO ORGANISE STRIKES.

TRYING TO STOP AMERICA'S OCEAN SHIPMENTS.

From an American contemporary we take the following:—

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labour, issued a statement on the 13th ult. confirming the story that efforts had been made by foreign governments to influence corruptly leaders of organized labour to start a strike among the longshoremen and seamen and in that way prevent the exportation of American products.

Gompers says he has known for some time of the facts just published and calls attention to an intimation he gave of the situation in the letter he sent to Ernest Bohn, secretary of the New York Central Federated Unions.

Gompers hints that other revelations will come, even more startling, perhaps, and they will prove that labour leaders have withstood great temptation during the crisis through which the world is passing.

He says that, sooner or later, the country will learn with astonishment the extent to which the attempts were made to influence corruptly labour organizations to tie up the commerce of the country.

PACIFIC COAST SHIPPING.

In response to requests from local representatives of New York newspapers as to the extent of alleged German attempts to promote a strike of longshoremen, John Keefe, who is vice-President of the International Longshoremen's Union, in charge of the Pacific jurisdiction, gave out the following statement:—

"I do not know that I frustrated the efforts of the Germans to bring about a strike of the longshoremen, but I do know that I was instrumental in getting the men to sign the new agreement with the shippers in opposition to certain influences that were strongly pro-German."

"This was most strongly evidenced at Seattle, where from the circumstances that presented themselves I was and am strongly of the opinion that German money was being offered the men and the members of the executive committee to prevent the execution of the new agreement and thus bring about a strike that would tie up all of the shipping on the Pacific and Atlantic. The men were given promise of large strike benefits and these promises unquestionably came through German agents. Of course I have no direct evidence, because I was concerned only in preventing trouble and not in bringing the trouble makers to account."

"When President O'Connor of the National Union was here, some time ago, from his home in Buffalo, N.Y., he told me that German agents had made a direct offer to him if he could aid in calling a strike of the longshoremen."

"Here in San Francisco German agents have been at work among the men, but their efforts went for naught because we managed to get the new agreement signed up before they could head us off. There is little chance of any trouble now."

FLAME PROJECTOR.

DESCRIPTION OF THE GERMAN INVENTION.

The special correspondent of *The Times* at the British Headquarters recently wrote:—

"I was shown to-day the first complete 'flame projector' which we have captured from the Germans. This particular apparatus was taken at Hoge on August 9th on the occasion of our recent success there, and was, no doubt, one of those employed against our men on July 30th."

The complete apparatus may be said roughly to consist of three main parts. In the first place there is a reservoir cylinder for storing the nitrogen by which is obtained the pressure for forcing out the liquid oil from the main body of the instrument. The cylinder, which is about 3ft. 6in. high, is capable of holding 14.4 litres and weighs 23 kilos when empty. It has, apparently, been tested to 100 atmospheres, but the normal pressure in it when full is 125 atmospheres. Each one of these nitrogen cylinders is capable of supplying enough nitrogen for four or five of the actual 'flame projectors.' The specimen I saw was manufactured by the Fiedler Company, of Berlin.

The 'flame projector' itself, as already mentioned by 'Eye-witness,' consists of two principal parts. The first part is the portable reservoir into which the nitrogen is pumped from the cylinder. I have just described and in to which also is pumped the liquid oil. There was some of the liquid still remaining in the reservoir when the instrument was captured, and it appears to be a form of oil gas tar. When the machine is going to be used a valve is opened and the pressure of nitrogen (which has been pumped in to a pressure of 23 kilos) forces the liquid along a hose about 4ft. long. The contrivance for nozzle is the liquid at the instant of emission may be described generally as igniting the liquid automatically, much on the same principle that any charge is fired.

The assumption is that each 'flame projector' is worked by two men, one of whom carries the portable reservoir of oil and liquid directed the nozzle of the hose. The other, that the reservoir is sometimes rested upon a step in the trench and that the single man in charge of each machine then directed his aim through a loup-hole in the parapet. The range of the apparatus appears to be upwards of 25 yards. The jet at its extremity is said to spray over about 6ft., and the operation is accompanied by dense clouds of black smoke.

V.C. AND HIS BUTLER.

MASTER AND MAN FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE.

Second-Lieutenant G. A. Boyd-Rochfort, Scots Guards, the first Guards' officer to win the V.C. since the Crimea, was carried shoulder-high round the Wellington Barracks, London, on Monday.

If there is one man prouder than any of the gallant lieutenant's deed in the trenches between Cambrin and La Bassée, that man, says a Home paper, is his butler for six years—Private Thorowgood, also of the Scots Guards.

There is a touch of old-world romance reminiscent of the age of feudalism about the story of the enlistment of master and man. When Lieutenant Boyd-Rochfort announced his intention of joining the Army Thorowgood at once decided that he too would go. He held the South African ribbon for service during the Boer War and he offered himself as a private at the same time that Lieutenant Boyd-Rochfort applied for a commission.

The butler was accepted; his master was rejected at first but secured his commission after undergoing an operation. It happened that Second-Lieutenant Boyd-Rochfort went to the front before his butler, but Private Thorowgood soon after was in the trenches with his master. He did not happen to be present when Second-Lieutenant Boyd-Rochfort won the V.C.; that is his only regret.

He was the proudest man in France when he heard the news on his return to the firing line an hour or two after the deed. Officer and private came home together, and they will re-enter the struggle together.

Second-Lieutenant Boyd-Rochfort told the story of his efforts to enlist and how he won the V.C. in these terms:— "Like other men," he said, "I was, of course, keen on enlisting when war broke out. But I had the ill luck to meet with a nasty accident while playing polo during the last week in August. I had to undergo a serious operation in November and was in hospital for three months. When I came out in February I tried for a commission, but they would not accept me because I had various veins. So I laid up for six weeks.

"After that I got my commission and joined in April. I went to the front on June 1 and have been in the trenches with my battalion continuously until last Friday."

CAUGHT MORTAR BOMB.

The lieutenant was with a working party of about 40 men in a trench when a mortar bomb from the German lines was hurled over the parapet. The lieutenant, with Irish dash and resolution, shouted, "Clear away, boys!" and springing forward caught the bomb just before it reached the ground and flung it back over the parapet.

"It seemed," he said last night, "that it had hardly left my hands before it exploded with a terrific report. We were all buried under falling earth, but fortunately no one was hurt, although my cap was blown to pieces."

My men were very appreciative of my action and cheered and thanked me. Afterwards they wrote and signed a statement of what I had done, which they handed to the colonel. There is just one thing I must say, and that is that the men of my battalion are simply splendid!"

The lieutenant will receive his V.C. from the King at Buckingham Palace next Tuesday.

OIL STEAMER LOST.

BURNING WRECK SINKS IN STRAITS OF MACASSAR.

Confirmation of the news of the loss of the Standard Oil vessel *Kanukuh* has been received by the Standard Oil Company in Singapore, says the *Strait Times*, but, fortunately, with that news has come the intimation that the captain and crew are safe at Balikpapan. The *Kanukuh*, laden with benzine and petroleum, caught fire in the Straits of Macassar, and burnt almost to the water line before taking her final plunge to the bottom. The burning ship attracted the attention of Capt. C. Griffin, of the steamer *Serie Bornes*, who at once proceeded to the scene of the catastrophe. The spot was marked by a dense cloud of thick, black smoke, out of which flames were leaping to a height of forty feet. The vessel—at the time it was not possible to identify her—was anchored and abandoned. She was blazing from taffrail to break of foremast, and the top spar of the mainmast had gone by the board. A glance was sufficient to show that the vessel was doomed, but the blaze continued for another hour and a half, the burning oil spreading on the water and giving rise to a terrific heat. The flames had almost done their work when suddenly there was a lurch and the burning wreck went down by the head.

The crew of the *Serie Bornes* had noticed that a pair of davits on the port side had been swung out and the falls lowered to the water's edge, and this suggested that the crew of the ill-fated vessel, realising that her loss was inevitable, had made good their escape in one of the boats. A search was made in the vicinity, but no trace of the boat or the occupants was found. This morning, however, news is to hand that all the men are safe at Balikpapan.

The *Kanukuh*, a British vessel of 2,993 registered tons, loaded up there for Europe towards the end of last month. She sank on September 30th and it was there that news of her loss was first received. No information as to the crew was forthcoming and so a search was instituted by the Asiatic Petroleum Company, who had loaded the vessel, the crew being picked up little the worse for their exciting experience. According to first reports, the fire originated in the stoke hold and quickly spread to other parts. The nature of the cargo made it impossible to fight the flames, and as they were from the oil tanks, which quickly sprung into one blazing mass.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

CORPS ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. A. CHAPMAN, V.D.

JOINED.

1.—The undermentioned, having joined the Corps are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—
No. 1918 Private D. M. Whinnond to Scouts Company (No. 4 Section).
No. 1919 Private C. M. Melnes to Scouts Company (No. 4 Section).

MUSKETRY.—PART I.

2.—Recruits of Engineer Company, who have not yet fired, and the following will fire Part I. Recruits' Course, at King's Park Range, on Saturday, 16th inst., at 2.30 p.m., or on Sunday, 17th inst., at 9.30 a.m.:—Gunnery J. V. Bragg (No. 1 Sec. Arty. Batty.) and H. McE. McTavish (No. 2 Sec. Arty. Batty.), Privates F. E. Ranger and W. P. C. Trafford (Scouts Co.). Corp. Grimes, R.E., will attend and sufficient N.C.O.s of the Engineer Company are to be present to assist him. Uniform (Drill Order) to be worn. Sergt. Major Kynoch will attend at the Orderly Room not later than Saturday morning, 16th inst., to obtain the names of his men who have not yet fired. The Senior Officer of N.C.O. in charge of the Range is to check the ammunition both before and after firing.

PARADES.

3.—Parades for Thursday, 14th inst.: 5.30 p.m. Recruits of Engineer Co.—Musketry and Rifle exercises at Tak-ko Deckyard, under Sergt. Bullock. 5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units (except Right Sec. M.G. Co. and Signalling Section)—Squad Drill and Rifle exercises at Headquarters under Sergt. Major Highy and Sergt. Crawford. Remainder nil.

DETAILS.

4.—Gun Club Hill, Kowloon:—On duty until 10th inst.: Centre Section M.G. Co.
Officer on duty: Lieut. Wright.
Detachment Camp, Kowloon.
On duty to-night: No. 1 Section Arty. Batty.
Officer on duty: Lieut. Kennett.
On duty 15th inst.: Left Sec. M. G. Co. and 7 members of Right Section M. G. Co.
Officer on duty: Lieut. Rees.
Orderly Sergeant until 15th inst.: Sergt. Schuepel.
G. E. STEWART, Capt., Adjutant, H.K.V.C.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

ON REPORT.

The following will report themselves at the Central Police Station on Friday, 15th inst., at 5.30 p.m., in uniform:—
Absent from Combined Parade, October 7th.—V. Yvanovich, A. A. Remedios, J. M. Victor, Wong Chuk Nam and Man Tat Cheung.
Absent from Piquet Duty, October 9th.—P. C. Lindsay.
Attending Parade without Roll Book.—Sergeant Jammet.

OVERHAUL OF RIFLES.

Friday, 15th inst., at 5.30 p.m., Central Police Station. The 4th Platoons of Nos. 2 and 3 Companies will draw Rifles. Men of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Platoons of Nos. 2 and 3 Companies who have not yet had their Rifles re-issued to them will attend to draw same. Names to be forwarded to the Musketry Sergeant by Platoon Commanders before noon on Friday. Platoon Commanders of Nos. 2 and 3 Companies will make themselves responsible for seeing that any of their men who have not yet returned their Rifles for overhaul do so on the above date without fail.

PATROLS (CENTRAL).

Thursday, October 14th:—
One Sergeant of Senior P.-c. and seven P.-cs. from No. 3 Co. for each shift.
Friday, October 15th:—
One Sergeant of Senior P.-c. and seven P.-cs. from No. 2 Company for each shift.

PATROLS (EASTERN).

Thursday, October 14th:—
5.50 p.m.—Abdul Hamid and R. Ruz-jahn.
8.50 p.m.—M. M. Omer and S. Moos-deen.
Inspector Sirdar Khan will visit.

Friday, October 15th:—
5.50 p.m.—M. R. Salleh and A. R. Rah-man.
8.50 p.m.—A. C. Suffiad and Hassan Khan.
Sergeant Khavass Khan will visit.

Saturday, October 16th:—
5.50 p.m.—Sheik Hamed and M. Abbas.
8.50 p.m.—Yacob Mohamad and Fat-teh Deen.

Sergeant A. Arculli will visit.

PATROLS (WATER POLICE).

Thursday, October 14th:—
5.50 p.m.—Kim (S), Maxwell (S), Inspector d'Almeida (P).
8.50 p.m.—Wilks (S), Gaskill (S), Henderson (P).

PARADES.

Thursday, October 14th:—
1st, 3rd and 4th Platoons No. 1 Co.

Friday, October 15th:—
3rd and 4th Platoons and Recruits No. 3 Co.

ORCHESTRA PRACTICE.

October 15th, 19th and 20th at 6 p.m. sharp.

F. C. JENKINS, D.S.P. (Reserve).

FRENCH SOLDIERS SAVED BY ALSATIANS.

A dramatic incident which occurred recently is related in the *Paris Journal*. Early one morning two Germans appeared before the first line of French trenches shouting, "We are Alsatians!" with the real Alsatian accent. They asked to speak to an officer, and were taken to the commander, to whom they said, "Leave these two trenches at once. In five minutes they will be blown up."

The officer, moved by the evident sincerity of the Alsatians, gave orders for his 800 men in the two trenches to evacuate them. The last man had only just left when a terrific explosion took place; 500 men had escaped death.

MR. TAFT ON THE PHILIPPINES.

CONDEMNATION OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S POLICY.

Mr. W. H. Taft, former President of the United States, and first Governor General of the Philippine Islands, delivered a speech at the Commonwealth Club, San Francisco, a month ago, from which we take the following:—

A great war absorbs popular attention and thought. One of its evil results is the withdrawal of that public scrutiny of government, in its routine administration, which in time of peace makes for wise, honest and effective conduct of its affairs. We have not yet been drawn into the present great European war, and we all hope and pray that we may avert such a disaster.

Conditions in Mexico before the European war were constantly under discussion and the interest and attitude of the great European Governments in them seemed likely to make the Mexico policy of our administration a very critical issue.

But I am not here to speak of our Mexico policy. I only refer to it by way of illustration, in warning you that the policy now being pursued in the Philippines, of which we hear little in the news and excitement of the European war, is in the end likely to return to plague us and command our attention much as Mexican affairs are thrusting themselves on us now.

WORK OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

In 1898 we found the Philippines and their people under our guardianship and control. President McKinley adopted the policy of taking the islands over into our custody and administering them for the benefit of their people and of preparing the Philippines by education and partial autonomy for useful self-government.

The work of the fifteen years from the Treaty of Paris until the incoming of the present Administration is something of which the American people have a right to be proud. We had had little or no experience in colonial government. We took over a people of whom 90 per cent. were illiterate, utterly without training in self-government, with agriculture, their only livelihood, ruined by the war, and the anarchy and vandalism that followed, and with diseases of men and draft cattle rampant in the islands.

Slowly and with difficulty we constructed a government with a civil service of Americans in control and Filipinos in subordinate places. We gave as much of local self-government in the municipalities and provinces as the people could safely exercise. We established courts of justice in all parts of the islands.

EDUCATION AND FREE MARKETS.

We introduced and perfected an educational system in which 7,000 Filipino teachers are giving nearly 500,000 of the children of school age in the islands a primary education in English, and added thereto industrial, high school and university facilities for those who could improve them.

We have granted the Filipinos the benefit of the free markets of the United States for their sugar, tobacco, copra and hemp. We did them of the political incus and disturbing effect of the holding by monastic orders as landlords of 400,000 acres of the best agricultural lands in the most populated districts of the islands, through Governmental purchase. We stimulated the building of railroads and the great betterment of inter-island navigation. We promoted an extended system of highways in the islands where they were but pony trails before. We readjusted the system of taxation to lift the weight of taxation off the poorer classes, where it had rested in Spanish days, and gave the wealthier a fairer share of the burden. We made the administration of the tax laws uniform, honest, economical and productive, and where it had been unequal, corrupt, wasteful and unproductive.

We found at first little sympathy in our novel colonial venture from the colonial authorities of those countries long engaged in colonial responsibilities because of our announced purpose to educate the Filipinos by a widespread English school system, and by a gradual extension of autonomy and the political education which it would slowly impart.

In the beginning, we had bad and incompetent men, of course, but these we winnowed out. Not a scintilla of partisanship was permitted to insert itself in the service. President McKinley stood back of the Philippine Commission in this and during the fifteen years of Republican control, no one knew or cared what was the political affiliations of Americans in the island service. Their politics were only fidelity to the purpose to make the Philippine Government efficient and useful to the Filipino people.

CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION.

In October, 1913, after an unceremonious ousting of Cameron Forbes, a most efficient Governor-General having no politics, Frank Harrison landed in the islands as Governor-General. On his way to Honolulu he had announced that he had sardonic pleasure in ousting Republicans from office. When he reached Manila he told the Filipinos in a public address that the change in the National Administration had brought them a new era, and painted its attractions in glowing colours. He brought with him Manuel Quezon, a delegate to Congress from the islands, and a Filipino politician of not the highest standing in the Philippines.

Mr. Harrison announced publicly that he owed his appointment to Quezon, and he showed his gratitude by following Quezon's recommendations as to removals and appointments within twenty-four hours after landing in the islands. Mr. Harrison had been a Tammany Congressman of some years' standing. He had known nothing of the Philippines, their people or the problem. The President accepted the resignations of all the American Philippine Commissioners but one. He gave the Filipinos a majority of the

Commission. He appointed to succeed the Americans men who had never been in the islands and knew as little as Mr. Harrison of their new duties.

EFFECT ON SERVICE.

The effect on the whole service was as distressing that Mr. Harrison felt obliged to announce that he was no going to be as radical as he reported.

In all the three months between October, 1912, and January 1st 1914, 193 Americans were separated from office, and by July 1st 1914, the number separated increased to 476. All those were officially reported to have rendered satisfactory service.

Let us examine a few of the immediate results of these changes. The worst and most destructive epidemic in the island is the rinderpest. For years we laboured to restore the cattle lost by it. It prostrated agriculture. By January 20th, 1914, it had been reduced to nine municipalities in four provinces and was within easy control. By act of the Philippine Commission and Assembly, control of it was transferred from the Bureau of Science and Agriculture, which themselves by removals had been "shot to pieces" and transferred to Filipino provincial and municipal officers.

The appropriation for the Bureau of Agriculture was cut and most of its seasoned veterinarians were forced out of the service and scores of experienced cattle inspectors were dropped. By May, 1914, the disease had spread to thirty-two municipalities and the executive secretary announced the situation serious. By June 1st the Bureau of Agriculture reported an increase of 77 per cent, and 118 per cent, respectively, in deaths and new cases during the week ending May 23rd.

FIARS' LAND PURCHASE.

The Government of the Philippine Islands bought the friars' lands for a good round price, \$7,000,000, and issued bonds to pay it. The policy declared by Congress required the sale of these lands to the tenants, the carrying out of such a policy to establish a sinking fund sufficient to meet the bonds required care in making leases with privilege of purchase and constant vigilance in collection of rents and instalments of the purchase money. Mr. Sleeper had shown great success in this matter and there was every prospect that the bonded debt could be more than met when it "fell due." Mr. Sleeper in this matter had also the administration of all other public lands, and his office was a highly technical one.

As I have said, he and his assistant were summarily removed and in his place was put a quondam insurance Filipino General named Tinio, who knew nothing whatever of the office or its duties. At the end of six months he was charged with dishonest practices, and although acquitted by investigation he was relieved of his office.

INTERNAL REVENUE DECREASE.

The internal revenue income has greatly decreased in the islands. This is, of course, partly due to paralysis caused by the European war, but long before the war it had fallen below a normal largely because of the substitution of native inspectors for American inspectors in the bureau, with exactly the same result of laxity and political pull as in the case of the Bureau of Lands.

Every observer from the Philippines, every one who knew the spirit of the Government before the new era now speaks with sorrow of the changes. The structure which had been so carefully repaired has been shaken and seriously impaired.

It is now proposed to make the work of deterioration complete by passing what is called the Jones bill. The chief purpose of this bill is to make a declaration that we intend to give up the islands to an independent Philippine Government, when a stable government is established; to create, instead of the present Philippine Commission, an elective Senate, and to give to that Senate the power to reject the nominees of the Governor-General to office in the islands.

CANNOT TURN BACK.

But even if it is a burden for us to continue in the islands, ought we to scuttle and run? Can we do it and properly discharge the duty to the Filipinos which we have assumed? What are we going to do for the non-Christian tribes, for the control of whom Filipino politicians are even less fitted than they are for the government of their own people? What are we going to do for the Moros in the south, who will utterly refuse to come into a Philippine republic, and whom a Filipino republican government will be wholly unable to subdue?

STRANGE FOOTBALL SEASON.

NO PAID PLAYERS AND NEW COMPETITIONS.

It is a strange football season this year, remarks a London paper. International matches, Cup-ties, and all the old competitions have been swept away, and in their place there will be a series of matches in which local clubs oppose each other. The Football League is divided into a Midland and a Lancashire section, each composed of fourteen clubs, and a London Combination has also been formed, in which the leading clubs in the metropolitan district will take part. The most important change of all, however, is the fact that all payments to players have been forbidden by the Football Association, so that all the men taking part in the game this season will be amateur.

Eight of the most important clubs have decided to obtain altogether from competition football this season and to devote their attention entirely to games played for the benefit of charity. These are Blackburn Rovers, Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion, Birmingham, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Newcastle United, Middlesbrough, and Sunderland. Most of the leading Yorkshire clubs, including Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Bradford City, Bradford, Huddersfield, Hull City, and Burnley will take part in the Midland section of the League competition.

Since the close of last season many prominent football players have joined the colours, and in some cases these men have been given leave of absence to assist their old clubs.

AMERICA AND CHINESE TRADE.

CAPITAL AND GOOD INTENTIONS NOT ENOUGH.

Mr. Charles M. Peepers, former Trade Adviser, United States Department of State, contributes the following article to the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "The main error," says the Confucian classic, "is not guilty in any other way except that he is in possession of a gem." China's resources are more than a single gem; they are a whole diamond field. The United States alone among all the Western and Eastern nations in seeking to share in this natural wealth, has not treated China as a culprit because of the possession of riches. We have been parties to no scheme of international burglary.

Chinese friendliness to the United States, in view of past, present, and prospective burglaries by other nations for the possession of the field, makes the present situation of unusual importance. The resentment over Japan's aggressive policy, which has caused a boycott against Japanese goods, opens a legitimate opportunity for increasing the market for American goods. It should not be neglected. But there are other considerations which also should have attention.

Recently, there came out of Washington the announcement of an aggressive campaign for the establishment of American business interests in China. Like many similar announcements, little in it was new; yet the prospect of carrying out the campaign, and the conditions under which it may be prosecuted, are worthy of more than a passing inquiry.

The ambitious programme includes the establishment of an American bank, the investment of American capital in mining enterprises, in the erection of cotton mills, and other textile industries, and the sales of a variety of commodities made in the United States.

This is dollar diplomacy without any effort to conceal the dollar mark; and very commendable diplomacy it is. But how is this aggressive campaign to be waged in view of the declaration regarding American interests in China made by a very prominent public official soon after March 4, 1913? To answer the query calls for a close scrutiny of the details of the programme.

This scrutiny discloses that the plan lacks the bounding rhetoric of a Presidential proclamation. It is merely a suggestion of a subordinate bureau of one of the executive departments. An American vested interest is to be built up in China, but no political steps are to be taken to secure concessions or privileges.

The course pronounced in the past against vested interests is lifted. They are no longer odious. Capitalists who are to be persuaded to invest their money in banks and mining and industrial enterprises may be encouraged by the promise that their interests are to be considered vested ones; but where is the authoritative assurance that their Government will make their investments in reality an American vested interest?

Do recent events enhance the prospect for vesting American interests in China?

Coincident with the Washington announcement of a programme for building up "an American vested interest in China which will assure the United States a share of that country's foreign trade," came the news from Peking that the Standard Oil concessions, which at one time were thought to be settled, had been rejected. It may be presumed that powerful influences of more than a domestic character were at work to defeat the concessions. Would these influences be any less hostile to the establishment of an American bank, American mining enterprises, and the building of cotton factories? And what measures has the United States taken to counteract them, or what measures will it take?

Doubtless, whenever, if ever, the page of our diplomatic correspondence in the Far East is opened to the American public, it will disclose that the record is consistent so far as the exchange of notes to be communicated to other Powers goes. But what force is back of these official communications?

If American capital is to be invested in banks and mines and factories and mercantile business, and the commerce resulting therefrom is to become a genuine vested interest, these matters will have to be treated as something more than subjects of international litigation. This reflection enforces the need of a definite declaration of American policy rather than the suggestion of a paper programme for an aggressive campaign.

The Confucian classic may be paraphrased: The American capitalist looking toward China is not guilty in any other way except that he has capital. Positive presumption of his innocence of any intention of wrongdoing is necessary, if his capital is to be made reproductive for himself—and productive for American trade.

WEEKLY VISITS TO FRONT. OFFICIAL INVITATION TO TRADE UNION OFFICIALS.

Arrangements have been made to send out to the front weekly, for the next two months, visiting parties of seven workmen from munitions areas, accompanied by one or two of the Labour members of the Munitions Parliamentary Committee.

From each party a report of impressions is expected. The invitation, which is likely to be sent to most of the responsible trade union officials, has so far been extended to the following organisations:—Amalgamated Engineers.

Brassfounders' and Copper-smiths' United Association.

United Operative Plumbers.

Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners.

Associated Blacksmiths and Iron Workers; Sheet Metal Workers and Braziers; Copper-smiths; Electrical Trades Union; United Pattern Makers; Friendly Society of Iron Founders; Amalgamated Tool Makers; United Machine Workers; Steam Engine Makers, Boilermakers, and Shipwrights.

One full-time official for each trade union will be permitted to visit the front, and the workers will be chosen from munitions areas throughout the United Kingdom.

IS AMERICA ABANDONING THE PACIFIC?

JAPAN'S GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

Mr. K. K. Kawakami, Author of "Asia at the Door," "American-Japanese Relations," etc., writes as follows in a *San Francisco paper*:—

The enactment of the Seamen's Law has created consternation among the shipping interests of this country. The law affects particularly the American vessels on the Pacific ocean, which are mostly manned with Chinese, whom it aims to replace with American sailors.

Ever since the passage of the law, the shipping concerns of the Pacific Coast have been trying to convince the public that it will put an end to America's transpacific trade. As a means of protest, the Dollar Steamship Company of San Francisco has transferred its ships to the Canadian flag, while the Pacific Mail has announced that it has sold five of its finest steamers with a view to ultimate abandonment of the Pacific service. If the professions of the shipping interests are sincere, the Pacific ocean will soon be clear of American steamships. It will virtually be monopolized by Japan, so far as its shipping trade is concerned.

More than a century ago, George Washington sounded the pertinent warning that America's dependence upon foreign nations in the matter of ocean transportation was a serious handicap to her foreign commerce and national welfare. On no other occasion has this warning been so forcibly brought home to the American people as by the European war. The embarrassing situation created by the war apparently promises to be aggravated when the Seamen's Law goes into effect in November.

In the meantime Japan will push her Pacific trade with redoubled energy. The possible withdrawal of American vessels from the water is a golden opportunity, placed in Japan's lap without so much as asking. There are three Japanese steamship concerns interested in the transpacific trade—the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha—all subsidized by the Government.

In subsidizing steamship concerns, the Japanese Government is fully aware of the certain evils likely to accompany this method of favouring the capitalist class. To so small a country as Japan, however, the question of foreign trade is a question of life and death. With her natural resources extremely limited, she must by all means encourage foreign commerce. The Government believes that the stimulation of foreign trade and the consequent progress of industry will react favourably upon the condition of wage earners. And to encourage foreign trade it is essential that she should have an adequate merchant marine. So the Government since 1868 has been practicing elaborate methods of encouraging navigation and shipbuilding.

According to the Japanese law, a vessel entitled to a subsidy must be a home-built steel steamer with a gross tonnage of 3,000 or more, not older than fifteen years, and having a speed not less than twelve nautical miles per hour. Foreign-built vessels not older than five years may receive one-half the rate allowed for home-built vessels.

The amount of subsidy varies according to the speed of the vessel, as well as the distance traveled. A vessel having a speed of twelve nautical miles per hour is subsidized at the maximum rate of 25 cents per gross ton for each additional nautical mile. For each additional nautical mile in speed 10 per cent of the rate is allowed. For vessels older than five years the subsidy is reduced at the rate of 1 per cent for every year. At the end of the fifteenth year the subsidy is entirely withdrawn.

According to the new subsidy schedule formulated by the Japanese Government, the transpacific service receives a subsidy of \$2,274,000. Of this total, the Tacoma-Seaside line receives \$374,781, the San Francisco line \$718,307.

It is the irony of fate that this generous subsidy should sometimes prove a disadvantage to the steamship companies. For one thing, the Government fixes the maximum freight rate, which cannot be altered even under such extraordinary circumstances as have been created by the war. Since the outbreak of the war the ports on both sides of the Pacific have been so congested with cargoes that the American steamship companies have raised freight rates. But the subsidized Japanese companies are still compelled to carry freight at the same rate as before the war. Thus the Japanese law, primarily intended to benefit the Japanese shipping concerns, is incidentally benefiting the American public.

BALLOONS OF POISON GAS.

GERMAN METHODS AT OSSOWIEC.

Major-General Brijosovsky, the commandant of the fortress of Ossowiec, has communicated to the Emperor a report regarding the defence of the fortress.

The Commandant states that, on March 31st, the enemy, seeing the fruitlessness of his previous efforts, assumed the defensive, and entrenched himself, bringing up from the rear numerous guns of heavy calibre which had been dismantled and were put into fresh positions. The full

lacked until August 7th, when the Germans made an assault, having previously sent into the fortress 600 balloons of a hypriatic gas. The troops composing the garrison, who were nearly all poisoned, had to yield ground at first, but, animated by their officers, they made a superhuman effort, and drove back the enemy at the point of the bayonet. On August 9th the Germans made preparations for a fresh assault, which was to be preceded by the discharge of double the quantity of gas previously employed against the garrison, which was by this time exhausted and almost incapable of effort. Orders were then received to evacuate the fortress, after raising it to the ground.

The Tsar has written a note on the margin of the report, warmly thanking "the old garrison of valiant Ossowiec."

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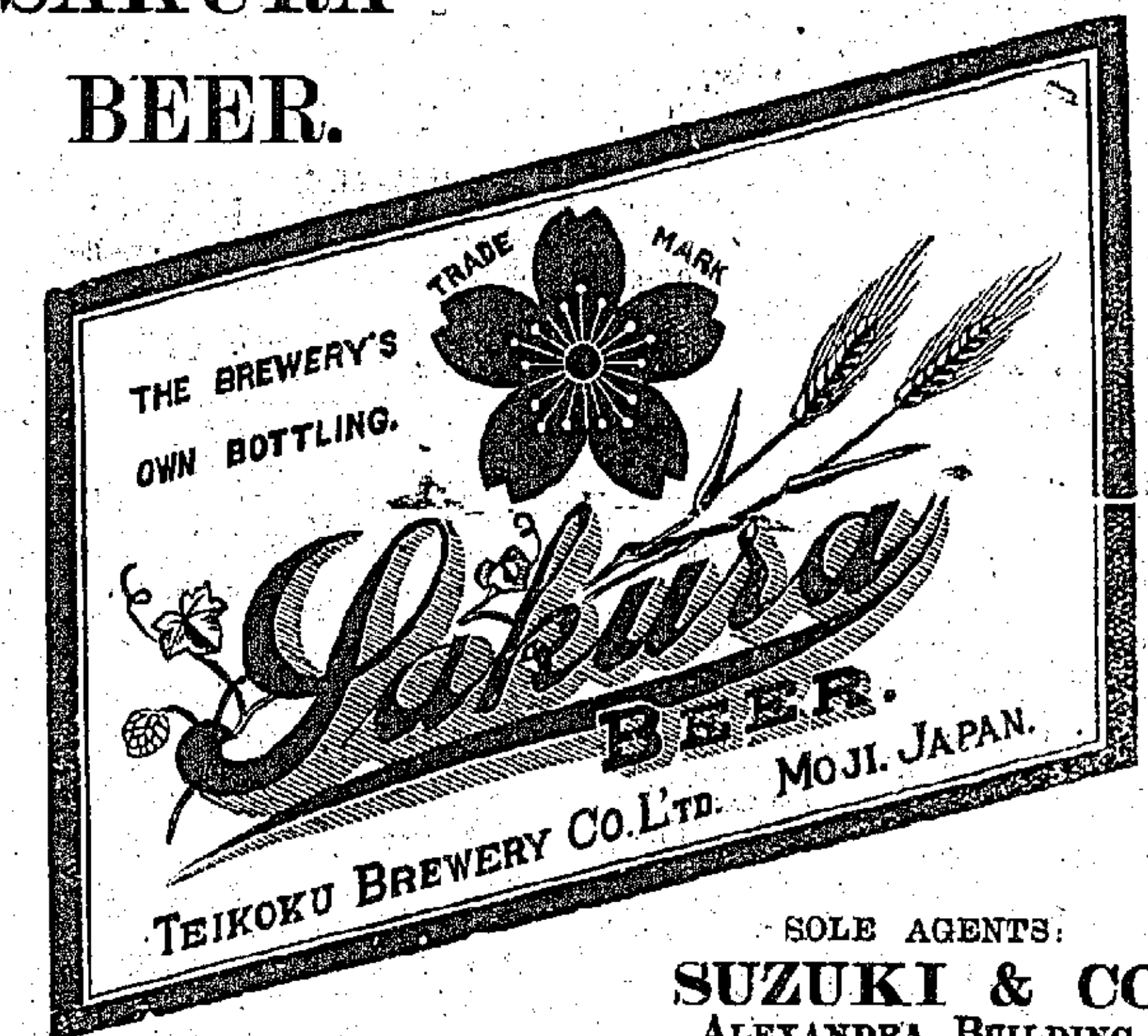
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Hongkong, 14th October, 1915. [1077]

**HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA
STEAM FISHERIES CO., LTD.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned,
No. 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong,
on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of October,
1915, at Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 20th to 27th day of
October, 1915, both days inclusive.

BRADLEY & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1915. [1078]

**HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA
STEAM FISHERIES CO., LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the above Company will be held
at the Offices of the Undersigned, 4, Queen's
Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, at 12.15 o'clock
p.m., on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of
October, 1915, for the purpose of considering
and, if thought fit, passing the following
Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution—

(1) That the affairs of the Company be
voluntarily wound up and that Messrs.
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS be
appointed Liquidators.

Should the above Resolution be passed by
the requisite majority it will be submitted for
confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further
Extraordinary General Meeting which will be
held on MONDAY, 15th November, 1915, at the
same time and place for the purpose of consider-
ing and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolu-
tion as a Special Resolution accordingly.

BRADLEY & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1915. [1079]

**HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING,
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(In Vol. Liquidation).

TAKE NOTICE that a MEETING of
Members of the above Company will be
held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE,
MATTHEWS & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on
MONDAY, the 22nd day of November, 1915,
at 12 o'clock Noon.

AGENDA.

1. To lay before the Meeting an Account of
the acts and dealings of the Liquidator and of
the conduct of the winding-up up to the date of
the Meeting.

2. To propose an extraordinary resolution
sanctioning an interim return to Members as
follows:—

That an interim return by the Liquidator of
One Hongkong Dollar per share to the
persons who are registered as Members of
the Company on the 15th day of November,
1915, be and the same hereby is sanctioned.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 15th
November, to MONDAY, 29th November, both
days inclusive.

Dated Hongkong, the 14th day of October,
1915.

C. BERNARD BROWN,
Liquidator.

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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the Members of the
Hongkong Club will be held in the Club
House, TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 14th
October, 1915, at 5.15 p.m.

Business:—As set forth in the Notice in the
Hall of the Club.

By Order,

E. DES VOEUX,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th October, 1915. [1085]

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Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th October, 1915. [1074]

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Hongkong, 13th October, 1915. [1073]

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Hongkong, 29th September, 1915. [863]

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with all modern conveniences. Moderate rent.
Immediate possession.

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Hongkong, 8th October, 1915. [1065]

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JARDINE, MATTHEWS & Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 16th September, 1915. [884]

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Hongkong, 15th September, 1915. [1046]

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PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1915. [876]

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CLARK & Co.,
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Hongkong, 29th June, 1915. [705]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1914. [39]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1915. [45]

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Hongkong, 6th September, 1915. [858]

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Hongkong, 20th August, 1915. [876]

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Hongkong, 13th September, 1915. [38]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Liquidators.

Hongkong, the 8th day of October, 1915. [1066]

G. R.

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J. N. JORDAN,
His Britannic Majesty's Minister.

Peking, 24th September, 1915. [1063]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 14TH, 1915.

JAPANESE TOPICS.

JAPAN is now being profoundly stirred
by two questions, both of which throw
considerable light on Japanese morals
and character. The first is a case of
political bribery, an evil which has long
been rampant in Japan but which has so
far flourished underground. It arose
out of the proposed increase of the Army
by two Divisions, a proposal which
wrecked the previous Government and has
encountered a good deal of opposition
from the chief political party and from
the Navy, who desire that at least a
corresponding amount should be spent
on naval armaments. When Count
OKUMA came into power it was felt that
the existence of his Government depended
upon his ability to solve this question, or,
rather, to bring about some unanimity of
opinion on the matter among the
members of the Diet, and it now appears
that—whether with the Count's consent
and knowledge or not—a way out of the
difficulty was sought by distributing
large sums of money among the members
of the Diet who opposed the scheme.
These belonged chiefly to the political
party which was formed by the late
Prince Ito—the Seiyukai. The money
first appeared in the hands of Viscount
OURA, the then Home Minister, but
where he obtained it is still a mystery.
It was given by him to a high official
of the Diet, who passed it on to the
political leaders, by whom it was pre-
sumably distributed among those who
were in a position to influence others.
These are the facts according to the
finding of the Preliminary Court, which
corresponds to a magistrate's court in
English law, and although the case has
not yet come on for public trial they are
generally accepted, according to Japanese
custom, as proved. The trouble has
arisen from the failure of the Pre-
liminary Court to summon and commit
the person who must be considered as the
chief offender, the ex-Home Minister.
All the rest of the accused have been
committed for trial, and there can be

no doubt that if there is a *prima facie*
case against them, there is a *prima facie*
case against Viscount OURA. Why, then,
the public is asking, is he to be allowed
to escape? Various answers have been
given. They amount in substance to the
excuse that Viscount OURA having
resigned his position, his title and all
his honours, and having retired into
private life, he has shown a fitting
repentance and has been already
sufficiently punished. This answer, of
course, suggests that a person who has
no title or honours to resign would have
to undergo the punishment inflicted by
the law, which is as much as to say that
Mr. OURA, as he has now become, has
escaped by reason of his high position.
This opens great possibilities for corrup-
tion among the nobility in Japan. It
is possible that the force of public
opinion will compel the law Court to
reconsider its position, but as Mr. OURA's
part has been taken by Mr. OZAKI, the
Minister of Justice, in a semi-official
statement, the odds are that no steps will
be taken against the ex-Home Minister.
Mr. OZAKI's attitude is particularly
disappointing, because, from his own
statements and from his acknowledged
ability, it was hoped that a purifying of
the law, which is so much needed in
Japan, would take place. The Minister
of Justice, however, would appear to be
a very different person from the
independent politician who, before he
enjoyed the sweets of office, fought so
strongly for political purity.

The other question is of equal impor-
tance as indicating that some of Japan's
immemorial customs do not find so much
favour as they did. As is generally
known, adoption is largely practised in
Japan, and is legally sanctioned. The
married couple who have no children
adopt a son from another family, or, if
they have daughters and no son, a son
is adopted by marriage. This imperative
duty of continuing the family
undoubtedly had its origin in ancestor
worship, which again arose from a desire
to relieve or placate the spirits of the
departed. As in the Roman Catholic
religion prayers are offered for the
benefit of the souls of the departed, so in
the ancient Japanese religion, certain
ceremonies were prescribed for the same
purpose. The fear of having no
descendant to observe these ceremonies
was thus the leading cause of adoption,
being so largely practised. The late
General NOGI, however, was a man of
great originality of character. His
opinions differed in many ways from
those of his contemporaries, and he was
never afraid of looking facts in the face.
He saw that the principle of adoption led
to many abuses, and he thought that they
prevailed among the nobility in a greater
degree than among the untitled people.
Having sacrificed his two sons at Port
Arthur, he therefore decided not to
continue his line, and in special direc-
tions for the benefit of his executors he
asked that no successor should be
appointed to his name and title. As
three years had elapsed since the death
of the General—the time prescribed by
the law wherein a successor must be
appointed—it was thought that the
wishes of the deceased were to be
respected. The authorities, however,
decided otherwise. While technically
obeying the wishes of Count NOGI by
allowing the title to legally lapse, they
then proceeded to create a new family
of NOGI, without even asking the consent
of the late General's relatives—the
quibble that the new NOGI family is quite
distinct from the old one is a mere
subterfuge. In fact, the argument is
destroyed at once by the announcement
that the new Count NOGI has applied for
the heirlooms of the late General to be
handed over to him, thus assuming himself
to be a descendant of the General. Public
opinion in Japan may be said to be
altogether opposed to the action of the
officials, but as Imperial sanction has
already been obtained, the matter is a
somewhat difficult one for the newspapers
to discuss, although they mainly get out
of the difficulty by laying the respon-
sibility on the officials of the Imperial
Household Department. It would almost
seem that the desire of the late Count
NOGI was considered by the authorities
as establishing a bad precedent, which it
was not wise to pass unchallenged.

A mail for Europe via Siberia closes
to-day at 3 p.m.

The Bureau of Civil Service in the
Philippines has just concluded the
largest single examination it ever held.
Eight hundred and eleven office-seekers,
most of them for second grade positions,
took the examinations.

At an extraordinary general meeting of
shareholders of the Hongkong and South
China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd., called
for the 27th instant, a resolution for the
voluntary winding up of the affairs of
the Company will be considered.

The *Sui Fung* has not yet been fully
raised from the water, but it is expected
that when the tide recedes to-day the engi-
neers will be able to pump her out.
Another dead body, that of a woman, has
been taken out from the 'tween decks.

An interim return by the Liquidator of
One Hongkong Dollar per share to share-
holders of the Hongkong Cotton Spinning
and Weaving Co., Ltd., (in voluntary
liquidation) is to be proposed for sanc-
tion at a meeting of members of the Com-
pany called for November 22nd.

An advertisement is published to-day
of the Open-Air Concert and Fete which
is to be held in the Public Gardens on
Thursday the 21st instant in aid of the
British Red Cross Society and the Order
of St. John of Jerusalem. The vocalists
will be Mrs. Villiers Smyth, Mr. A. J.
England and Mr. H. E. Muriel.

Among the suggestions to be made to
the Legislature by the Economic Society
of the Philippines is one that the sum
of \$25,000 be publicly offered to the in-
ventor of some means to rid the Philippines
once and for all of the locust pest that
has burdened it for so many years. A
similar prize is to be suggested for the
discoverer of a means of eradicating
rinderpest.

Mr. Silva, of 16, Shelley Street, report-
ed to the police that while he was in his
bath-room someone stole from a sitting-
room at his residence \$115 in notes. An-
other theft reported is that of a silver
cigarette case, belonging to Captain
Maxwell, of the *Manipuri*, lying at Kow-
loon Docks. The cigarette case was stolen
from a locked drawer in the Captain's
cabin on the steamer.

At the Magistracy yesterday nine
men were charged with frequenting an
opium divan and one was charged with
keeping the divan and with being in unlaw-
ful possession of four mace of opium dress
other than Government opium and nine
taels of Hala opium. Mr. W. B. Hind
appeared for the alleged keeper, and asked
for a remand in order that the de-
fence might prepare their case and call
witnesses. The Magistrate pointed out
that if he remanded Mr. Hind's client he
would have to remand all the other men as
well, and he decided that the case must be
proceeded with. Ultimately all ten de-
fendants were discharged.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
AND ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE
FUND.

The total of this Fund now amounts to
\$5,102.94.

Since the last list was published, sub-
scriptions have been received from the
following:—

Mrs. De Souza.
"Two Sympathisers."
Mr. E. L. Kim.
Mr. H. P. Winslow.
Mr. C. A. Hooper.
Rev. David and Mrs. Sutherland.
Anonymous.
E. P.
Mr. A. B. Crew.
Mr. Geo. Piercy.
Messrs. J. R. Michael & Co.
Mr. R. Chapman.
Mr. M. P. Talati.
Mr. M. J. D. Stephens.
H. C.
"Hongkong."
Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp.

N. J. STABB,
Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, 13th October, 1915.

The Fund closes on 21st October and
contributions of any amounts will be wel-
come.

KWANGTUNG FLOOD RELIEF
FUND.

The Tung Wa Hospital begs to acknow-
ledge with thanks the following donations
to the Kwangtung Flood Relief Fund:—

Chinese Association of Palik	
Papan, East Borneo, 855	785.74
Guilford	
Tiong Hoa Hwe Koan of	
Berouw Borneo 700 Guilders	691.25
Chung Wa Hok Hau of Chaoes	
Malang, Java, 250 Guilders	229.75
Per Fook Lee Yuen of Grand	
Forks, B.C.	223.00
Per Mr. Cheah Cheong Lim	
from the Chinese Widows	
and Orphans Institution,	
Perak, Ipoh, 2nd contribu-	
tion	113.54
Quong Wah Yuen and Wah	
Hing Tong, Honolulu	100.00
Messrs. Lee Woo Tong, Ran-	
geon	25.00
Already acknowledged	\$556,893.53
Total	\$562,061.81

AN UNLICENSED LAUNCH.
RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNER FOR
CHARTERER'S ACTS.

Before Commander Beckwith, R.N.
(Harbourmaster and Marine Magistrate),
at the Marine Court yesterday the hear-
ing was resumed of the case in which Mr.
W. S. Bailey was charged with plying
his steam launch *Bailey No. 2* for hire
to tow lighters in the Harbour. Mr. A.
M. Preston (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes
& Master) appeared for the defendant.

The Magistrate said it appeared that
the defendant had sent a letter to the
Harbour Office on the 7th August in
which he informed the Harbour Master
of his intention to sublet his launch
Bailey No. 2 to the Tung Wo firm of
coal merchants. On the 8th August a
reply was sent to the defendant that
before subletting his launch a licence
must be taken out. On the 1st October
a certificate was issued, and a bond

THE WAR.

DISAFFECTION AND DISQUIET IN BULGARIA.

TROOPS' RELUCTANCE TO FIGHT "MOTHER RUSSIA."

FIERCE FIGHTING NEAR BELGRADE.

BRITISH ARTILLERY INFLECTS SEVERE LOSSES ON INVADERS.

BIG RUSSIAN VICTORY.

THE SERBIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE INVASION OF SERBIA.

SANGUINARY FIGHTING IN SERBIA.

AUSTRIAN CLAIMS.

AMSTERDAM, October 13th.

A Vienna *communiqué* regarding the situation at the Serbian front claims that the Austro-Germans have "gained considerable ground" but only 600 prisoners, it says, were captured in Belgrade, besides nine naval guns, and twenty-six field-gun barrels (!) It speaks of bloody fighting and concludes by saying that the Danube flotilla is removing river mines and Russian sea mines.

SEMENDRIA STORMED.

AMSTERDAM, October 12th.

Some further progress in Serbia is claimed by a Berlin *communiqué*, including the storming of Semendria yesterday.

FEROCIOUS FIGHTING AROUND BELGRADE.

PARIS, October 13th.

A telegram from Nish on the 10th inst. stated that stubborn fighting was occurring on the hills surrounding Belgrade. The summits were taken and retaken, artillery firing uninterruptedly for three days. The Serbians in the morning seized excellent positions in the neighbourhood of Topchider, throwing back the Germans on to a suburb of Belgrade. Fighting is continuing ferociously.

WANTON DESTRUCTION IN BELGRADE.

The enemy threw more than 50,000 shells into the town, not sparing even the hospitals or Churches. A Synagogue was destroyed, burying hundreds of Jewish families who had taken refuge in the vaults.

BRITISH ARTILLERYMEN BUSY.

A battery of French artillery participated in the defence of the capital. British troops, with heavy guns, inflicted severe losses on the enemy and sank two monitors on the Danube.

SERBIA'S RAILWAY COMMUNICA- TIONS MENACED.

LONDON, October 12th.

A telegram from Athens says that two Bulgarian Divisions are attacking the Serbians in the direction of Kniazhivatz, which is 26 miles to the north-east of Nish.

Reuter's correspondent at Nish confirms that the Bulgarians are attacking Kniazhivatz. Also it is officially announced that the Bulgarians, moving along the Vlasina River, have reached a point 25 miles to the south-east of Nish, and only ten miles eastward of the railway, but all attacks have so far been heavily repulsed.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EIGHT AUSTRO-GERMAN ARMY CORPS ATTACKING

It is estimated in Rome that eight Austro-German Army Corps are attacking the Serbians on a 50-mile front. It is stated that the Prince of Wied, ex-King of Albania, is with the Germans against Serbia.

ALBANIANS TO ASSIST BULGARIANS.

Bands commanded by Bulgarians have already been organised in Albania for the purpose of attacking Montenegro and Serbia.

DISQUIET IN BULGARIA.

RESERVISTS REFUSE TO FIGHT AGAINST RUSSIA.

SALONIKA, October 12th.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia has arrived with the Entente Ministers. In a message on the 9th inst. he says that the Bulgarian authorities, from the King downwards, were most courteous to the departing Ministers. The population generally were grieved and anxious at the turn events had taken. The best circles are discontented and uneasy at the Government's policy and many Reservists have declared that they will lay down their arms rather than fight against Russia.

MACEDONIA NOT YET MENACED.

The distribution of the Bulgarian Military forces, says the correspondent, indicates that Pirat and Nish, not Macedonia, are their immediate objective.

CHEERS FOR "MOTHER RUSSIA."

The *Times*' correspondent at Salonika says that the special train conveying the Entente Ministers from Sofia to Dedeagatch passed several trainloads of recruits, who greeted them with frantic cheers for "Mother Russia."

BULGARIANS MUTINY.

Greek refugees state that 80 men were court-martialled and shot in Bulgarian villages on the Black Sea for refusing to fight against the Russians.

SILENCING CRITICISM.

The Agrarian leader, M. Stamboliski, who reproached King Ferdinand, has been imprisoned.

BRITAIN BREAKS WITH BULGARIA.

LONDON, October 13th.

The Bulgarian Minister to London has been handed his passports.

ITALY CO-OPERATING WITH ALLIES.

LONDON, October 13th.

A Paris correspondent states that Italy is co-operating in the transport and landing of the Allied troops at Salonika. An Italian Military Attaché is conferring with the General Staff there. Perhaps Italy will decide to take an active part in the war in the Balkan theatre. This would radically alter the whole situation.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMAN REPORTS.

German newspapers declare that the Allies are preparing to land at Dedeagatch and that the Russians are ready to attack Bulgaria.

300,000 ALLIED TROOPS WILL SAFEGUARD SERBIA.

PARIS, October 13th.

The Chairman of one of the French Parliamentary Commissions, interviewed, states that a competent authority calculates that 300,000 Allies through Salonika would be sufficient to safeguard Serbia. He says that his Commission has resolved that this shall be accomplished without delay, despite every obstacle.

The *Temps* and the *Debat* emphasise that Russia and Italy must liberally assist the British and French defending Serbia.

FRENCH PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

PARIS, October 13th.

M. Viviani, in a statement to the Chamber of Deputies on the Balkan situation, detailed how the Allies strove to re-establish Balkan unity, based on mutual sacrifices. Serbia assented to cruel sacrifices, and Greece and Rumania gave cordial support, but our efforts were wrecked by Bulgaria's equivocation and double-dealing. It was now the duty of the Allies to help heroic Serbia, who was threatened on two fronts. We were closely co-operating to this end without weakening our own fronts. We mean to ensure for Serbia, Greece, and Rumania a respect for the Treaty of Bucharest, of which we are the guarantors.

He ridiculed the comparison of the landings at Salonika with the violation of Belgium by Germany and concluded by saying that the British and French Governments were agreed regarding the importance of the forces to be employed. "We are in perfect accord with General Joffre," he said. "Russia has expressed her anxiety to join us in aiding Serbia, and to-morrow her troops will be fighting side by side with ours. Never was the accord between the Allies more complete or more close, and never were we more confident of common victory."

GREECE'S ARMED NEUTRALITY.

WILL BE ADAPTED TO FUTURE EVENTS.

ATHENS, October 12th.

M. Zaimis announced in the Chamber of Deputies that the Government's policy would be the same as had been followed since the beginning of the war, namely, neutrality. It would be armed as regards the present, and would be adapted to future events.

M. Venezelos, replying, said the majority of the Chamber would support the Government as long as the principles of his policy were unchanged. It was not a question whether Greece ought to join the war, but when it was to the interest of Greece that Bulgaria should be crushed. Should Bulgaria conquer, Hellenism would be completely vanquished.

ENTENTE POWERS PROMISE TO GREECE.

ATHENS, October 13th.

M. Venezelos, in the course of a speech, revealed the assurances received from the Entente Powers concerning the restitution of the Aegean Islands and Cyprus to Greece.

NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HOUSTON STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, October 13th.

The Houston liner *Halizone*, homeward bound from India, has been sunk. The crew were saved.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

STRUGGLE AT SOUCHEZ CONTINUES.

PARIS, October 12th.

To-day's *communiqué* says:—The battle continues in the Souchez region, where the French have taken more prisoners. There has been a violent reciprocal bombardment in Lorraine.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PROGRESS CONTINUES IN CHAMPAGNE.

PARIS, October 13th.

1.25 a.m.

A *communiqué* says:—The enemy in the afternoon violently bombarded the trenches we captured yesterday to the north-east of Souchez, when we took 107 prisoners. There is an intense artillery duel south of the Somme and on the Aisne front.

Our progress continues in Champagne towards La Goutte Ravine, which we command.

Westwards, attempted enemy attacks in Lorraine and the Vosges completely failed.

RUSSIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUSSIANS BREAK ENEMY FRONT.

BIG CAPTURES IN SOUTH- EASTERN THEATRE.

PETROGRAD, October 12th.

The Russians have achieved a big success in the south-eastern theatre, where they broke the enemy's front on the River Strypa. Already 60 officers and 2,000 men have been taken prisoner, and four guns and ten machine-guns captured. The Russians are following up this success.

PETROGRAD, October 13th.

The latest *communiqué* confirms the details of the Russian victory along the Strypa, which was gained after the storming of the enemy's last line of defence and a strong fortified work, and the repulse of a violent counter-attack.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES IN DVINSK REGION.

Desperate fighting continues in the Dvinsk region.

The Germans north-west of Illukst captured part of the Russian trenches, but the Russian artillery forced the Germans to abandon the trenches and a village on the southern shore of Lake Demmen, north-east of Novo Alexandrovsk. The Russians suddenly, at dawn on the 10th inst., without firing a shot, attacked and carried three lines of trenches on the shore of the lake, capturing prisoners and machine-guns. The Russians were also successful on the northern shore of Lake Priavitz.

The Russians to the south of Lake Obolo crossed the river Prorra and occupied three villages. They also captured an isthmus at the northern end of Lake Boguskoee.

The Germans were dislodged by the bayonet from a village south-west of Pinski and fled in disorder, losing heavily from Maxim-gun fire.

The Russian cavalry made a successful series of raids south of Pripet, on the left bank of the Styr. Attempts of the enemy to cross the Styr below Tsharovitsk were unsuccessful.

BOLD RUSSIAN ONSLAUGHT.

PETROGRAD, October 13th.

The victory of the Strypa was the result of hard fighting and bold Russian onslaughts on the Centre, which was the Galician village of Haivoronka, west of Trembovia. The Russians had the upper hand of the fighting on the 10th inst., and followed up their success on the 11th, when, besides taking two lines of trenches, they stormed a fort and a farm on a hill east of the village.

This work, according to a *communiqué*, consisted of an elaborate system of covered trenches, connected by a corridor with armoured loopholes, and surrounded by a double line of entanglements. The survivors of the garrison, numbering 252, surrendered, with a gun and three Maxim's.

Subsequently the Russians, in a fresh effort in the same district, forced the enemy's lines on Mount Makova, where they captured a whole Austrian battalion.

These successes led to a general disorderly retirement of the enemy in the whole of the sector. The Russians, closely pursuing, entered Haivoronka over a burning bridge and crossed the Strypa the same evening. Cavalry sabred the fleeing Austrians and captured a convoy.

AIRSHIP ACTIVITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WAR IN THE AIR. FORMIDABLE DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH AERIAL ARMY.

NEW YORK, October 12th.

A despatch from Paris describes the first inspection by a party of British and American journalists of great aero parks containing the newest and most wonderful additions to the Aerial Army. Recent development has been such that the account reads almost like a romance. The Aerial Army is formed into Divisions and Squadrons, with battle-planes, cruiser-planes, and torpedo-planes, all heavily armoured with three-inch cannon and mitrailleurs.

"As we entered the vast enclosure," says the writer, "a monster battle-plane loomed, thirty feet high and 130 feet across its planes. Then the monster flew, carrying a crew of twelve and two cannon on its wings, throwing three inch steel projectiles. The machine possessed the steadiness of an ordinary biplane."

"Next there rose a fleet of armoured cruisers over a front of half a mile. All were heavily armed, and rose almost vertically at a speed of 90 miles an hour. Soon there was the roar of the three-inch guns overhead."

"One of the most daring of the fliers fired his gun while plunging. Soldiers make capable operators after three months' instruction. Numerous schools are equipping many thousands for the new and terrible aerial war, in which France will take the lead. These squadrons will soon begin attacking the enemy's communications and rail junctions, demoralising the enemy."

ZEPPELIN DESTROYED IN A STORM.

LONDON, October 13th.

A letter from Brussels mentions that a Zeppelin was destroyed in a storm on September 9th, several of the crew being killed.

GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OPERATIONS IN THE CAMEROONS.

MARKED BRITISH ADVANCE.

LONDON, October 12th.

The Press Bureau announces that the British, under Lieut.-Colonel Haywood, after an engagement lasting for 30 hours, captured Wumbyaga, in the Cameroons, which is a marked advance into the southern region. The enemy, who is in considerable force, is being pursued.

Reuter learns that with the return of the dry season operations will be resumed both north and south.

IMPORTANT AMERICAN NOTE TO GERMANY.

SAFETY OF AMERICAN PASSEN- GERS AND CREWS.

WASHINGTON, October 13th.

A fresh Note has been sent to Germany on the subject of the *William P. Frye*, insisting on the removal of passengers and crews of American ships destroyed by submarines to a safer place than the ships' boats.

PAPER FOR GOLD AND SILVER.

AUSTRIA'S SIGNIFICANT APPEAL.

LONDON, October 13th.

The Austrian Government has appealed to the public to bring all their gold, silver, jewellery, plate, and other articles of these metals to the Mint. Persons surrendering gold and silver are promised full payment in banknotes.

LORD CURZON.

LONDON, October 13th.

Lord Curzon was present yesterday at a meeting of the Cabinet War Committee.

THE RECRUITING ORGANISATION.

LONDON, October 13th.

It is understood that General Mackinnon will be Lord Derby's chief military assistant in his recruiting work.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AMERICA MUST REMAIN NEUTRAL.

VIEWS OF PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, October 13th.

President Wilson, in a series of addresses at various women's societies, affirmed with great emphasis that America must remain neutral throughout the European war. "We must keep out not merely to avoid trouble but to preserve the foundations on which peace could be rebuilt. America must preserve the cause of humanity."

He declared in another speech that all Americans, on pain of ostracism, must be more than neutral. Too many citizens were without sufficient affection for American ideals. This is taken as a challenge to hyphenated Americans, whom he described as very vocal and not very influential.

GERMAN FACTORIES SHUTTING DOWN.

AMSTERDAM, October 13th.

German textile factories continue to shut down owing to lack of raw material.

EXTORTIONATE SUGAR DEALERS.

LONDON, October 13th.

The Sugar Commission has issued a strong warning to sugar wholesale merchants and retailers against charging over the fixed prices, threatening to cut off the supplies of the offenders.

INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE.

LONDON, October 13th.

In the House of Lords Lord Islington introduced a Bill enabling persons during the war, and for two years thereafter, to be appointed to or admitted into the Indian Civil Service without examination.

PRINCESS ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT.

LONDON, October 13th.

H.R.H. Princess Arthur of Connaught has been operated on for appendicitis. The condition of Her Royal Highness is satisfactory.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

A SINO-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT.

PEKING, October 12th.

A Sino-Russian agreement has been reached, whereby China assists in the restriction of importation of alcohol into Serbia and Russia assists in the restriction of opium going into China.

INCREASED SALT REVENUE.

PEKING, October 12th.

The Salt Revenue to the end of September was \$6,000,000 better than in the same period in 1914.

AMERICAN LOAN RUMOUR.

PEKING, October 12th.

The reported American loan of \$50,000,000 is officially denied.

A NEW FLAG.

PEKING, October 12th.

It is understood that the Government has decided upon a new flag, consisting of a white background, a red border and two golden dragons encircling a red sun.

HOLT'S PURCHASE THE INDRA LINE.

The *Liverpool Journal of Commerce* says it has authority to announce that an important shipping deal was on August 31st completed between the two well-known firms of British shipowners, Messrs. Alfred Holt and Company and Messrs. T. B. Royden and Company. The former company has acquired from the latter company their fleet of Indian liners, seven in number, which run between New York and the Far East, and the transaction is of vast importance in further strengthening British shipping interests in the Far East. The following are the names and tonnage of the vessels concerned:—

Indra, 5,713 tons;
Indradene, 5,339 tons;
Indragiri, 5,723 tons;
Indrakula, 5,691 tons;
Indrasumha, 5,191 tons;
Indravadi, 5,184 tons;
Indradaga, 4,395 tons.

Messrs. Alfred Holt and Company now become probably the largest private ship-owning company in the world, having about 80 ships, ranging from 6,000 to over 14,000 tons, most of which are engaged in the Far Eastern trades. The *Journal* adds:—The ships purchased are of a very high-class type. We are not in a position to make any announcement as to the details or the amount of the purchase consideration, except that we understand it was entirely a cash transaction. The two companies concerned, as is well known, are representative of the strongest class of British shipowners, and the arrangement will enhance the vast shipping and trading interest of Messrs. Alfred Holt and Company, thereby furthering the connection and sympathies between Great Britain and the countries of the Far East.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

CHENAN, British str., from Canton.
CHONGSHING, British str., from Canton.
DAIJIN MARU, Japanese str., 13th October—Swatow 17th October.
General—Quaker Shogun Kaisha.
EASTERN, British str., 3,580, F. Carter, 13th October—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
HAIKUN, British str., 641, A. H. Stewart, 13th October—Swatow 12th October.
General—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
HONGKONG, British str., 2,000, G. King, 13th October—Singapore 7th October.
General—Chinese.
OSSANG, British str., 1,737, 13th October—Stages 4th October, Sugar, Jardine, Matheson & Co.
YEDDO, British str., 2,781, J. M. Brustrom, 12th October—Singapore 6th October, General—Order.

CLEARANCES

IN THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
October 13th.
TUTTAROM, Dutch str., for Batavia.
CME MARU, Japanese str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

October 13th.
CHINGCHOW, Brit. str., for Port Paracel.
CHILDAR, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
FOONBAHO, British str., for Singapore.
NISSIO MARU, Jap. str., for Ching-chow.
NEIKSU, British str., for Vladivostok.
NIPPO MARU, Jap. str., for Yokohama.
PENANG MARU, Jap. str., for Singapore.
TAKOMA MARU, Jap. str., for Shanghai.
TAKOMA MARU, Jap. str., for Dairen.
WAKATSUKI MARU, Jap. str., for Canton.
YINGCHOW, British str., for Shanghai.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

MERCHANT STEAMER.
The str. *Glengyle* is expected here from London to-morrow.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
Kulung, from Calcutta, is due in Hong-kong to-morrow.

SHIRE LINE, LIMITED.
Monmouthshire, from Japan, is due in Hong-kong to-morrow.

Shinshu Maru, from Manila, is due in Hong-kong on 16th October.

VESSELS ON THE BERIE.

S.S. "SHINTSU MARU,"
FOR VANCOUVER AND SEATTLE.

This steamer will be despatched for the above ports about the 17th October.
For Freight and particulars apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th September, 1915. [1038]

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Silk and Valuables and Tea and Cargo for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail Steamer proceeding via Bombay to Marseilles and London. Other Cargo for London, etc., will be conveyed via Bombay and transhipped to the s.s. "PERSIA," due in London about the 4th Dec. 1915.

Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 8th October, 1915. [1]

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DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
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Hongkong, 13th October, 1915.

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Steamship
"INVERIC,"
Captain A. Wallace, 4,789 tons, will be despatched on or about WEDNESDAY 17th November.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to
THE BANK LINE, LTD.,
Managing Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1915. [1009]

GLEN LINE (McGREGOR, GOW
& Co.), LIMITED.

FOR GENOA ONLY.

THE Steamship
"GLENGYLE,"
Captain R. Webster, will be despatched for the above port on or about the 30th Nov., 1915.

For freight, passage and further information, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1915. [1061]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "K." nearest Hongkong "H," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "M," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "K.W." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's Office. 2. From Harbour Master's Office to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	DEPART	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & GLASGOW	CITY OF HANKOW	Brit. str.	—	C. C. Talbot, R.N.E.	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 18th inst.
LONDON & BOMBAY VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	MALTA	Brit. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 22nd inst., at 10 A.M.
LONDON	MERIONETHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	H. R. Hetherington, R.N.E.	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Middle of Oct.
LONDON & BOMBAY VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	NOVARA	Brit. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 5th Nov.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	PAUL LEON	Frech. str.	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 17th inst., at 5 P.M.
MARSEILLES LONDON & VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KITANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. E. Cope	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES LONDON & VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CARNARVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About Middle of Nov.
GENOA & LONDON	GENOYER	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	About 30th inst.
GENOA & LONDON	SADO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Asakawa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., at Noon.
VICTORIA & C. & SEATTLE VIA KANGAROO &c.	HAWAI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at 3 P.M.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	SAINT BEDE	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	About 26th inst.
VANCOUVER & SEATTLE	SHINTSU MARU	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 17th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	DAIREN MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Wallace	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 1st Nov. at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO	INVERIC	Brit. str.	—	A. G. Stevens	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 17th Nov.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA MANILA & JAPAN, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 14th Dec., at 10.30 A.M.
MEXICAN, PERUVIAN & CHILE PORTS VIA JAPAN	GUJARAT	Jap. str.	—	—	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 3rd Nov.
DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, EAST LONDON, &c.	NIPPO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 10th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	Takoda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., at 11 A.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	—	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 18th Nov.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	F. C. Gambrell	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
TIENTSIN, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	T. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst.
TIENTSIN & WEIHAIWEI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	V. Liddell	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	To-day, at Noon.
WEIHAIWEI & TIENTSIN	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	H. G. N. Walker	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 19th inst., at D'light.
MOJI & KOBE	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	Shane	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI & NEWHAWANG	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 20th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Lloyd	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	W. L. Jones	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at D'light.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	W. F. Richard	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 17th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	Eddy	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th inst., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	B. Kon	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	Charbonnel	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 19th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	W. Hanson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 20th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	A. H. Garwood, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 21st inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	H. Nomura	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 23rd inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	M. King	DAVID SASSON & Co., Ltd.	On 25th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	Muro	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	Tsuda	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 27th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	A. Kobayashi	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 27th inst., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	S. Saito	OSAKA SHOSHN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	A. H. Stewart	OSAKA SHOSHN KAISHA	To-day, at 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	J. S. Thomson	DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.	On 19th inst., at 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.	On 22nd inst., at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	W. M. Mesny	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 18th inst., at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	Sidford	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th inst., at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	W. G. G. Lusk	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	T. Walker	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	T. A. Mitchell	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	Butler	DAVID SASSON & Co., Ltd.	On 16th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	S. Fujita	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	F. Wheeler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 20th inst., at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	K. Saito	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 31st inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	D. A. Gardiner	THE BANK LINE LTD.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	G. H. Alcock	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 15th inst., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	Imai	OSAKA SHOSHN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	J. Robertson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst., at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	D. W. Ritchie	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 17th inst., at 8 A.M.

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*MANILA "YUKSANG" Saturday, 16th Oct. 3 P.M.
*HONGKONG & HAIPHONG "LOKSANG" Sunday, 17th Oct. 8 A.M.
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*MOJI & KOBE "KUTSANG" Wednesday, 20th Oct. D'light.
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On LONDON:—

Telegraphic Transfer	1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	10
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	10 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	11 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	11 1/2
Documentary Bill—4 months' sight	10 1/2

4 months' sight, ...

IN	PARTS :-	
	Bank Bills, on demand	25 1/2
	Credit, at 4 months' sight	26 3/4
ON	CHINA :-	
	On demand	nom
ON	NEW YORK :-	
	Bank Bills, on demand	42 1/2
	Credit, at 60 days' sight	nom.
IN	HONGKONG :-	
	Telegraphic Transfer	nom.
	Bank, on demands	137 1/2
IN	CALCUTTA :-	
	Telegraphic Transfer	nom.
	Bank, on demand	137 1/2
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days' sight — the demand

Bank, at night 77
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JN YOKOHAMA.—On demand 574
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ON SINGAPORE.—On demand 783
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SOURTHSINS, Bank's Buying Rate 31.05
GOLD LEAF, 100 Rns, per tal 59.63
BAR SILVER, 600 RL. 246.

ON SALE.

HONGKONG HANSARD REPORT
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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.							RETURN
HONGKONG, 13TH OCTOBER, 1915.							ON BASIS
STOCKS.	NO. OF	VALUE	PAID	CLOSING QUOTA-	ON BASIS	OF LAST	
	SHARES		UP.	TIONS CASH.		DIVID.	
BANKS.—							
Hongkong & S'hai. Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$128, buy \$132		8 1/2 p.c.	
China Borneo Company, Limited	50,000	\$12	all	\$0.1, buyers			
China Light and Power Company, Ltd.	50,000	50	all	\$1.40 sellers		8 1/2 p.c.	
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd	200,000	\$10	all	\$10.0, sal. & sel.		7 1/2 p.c.	
JERSEY MINES.							
S'hai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	40,000	Tls. 50	all	T. 94, buyers			
Kung Yik Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	100,000	Tls. 10	all	T. 15 1/2, buyers			
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 80		8 1/2 p.c.	
Leo Kung Mow Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 85, buyers			
Seyoehse Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 49			
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 72 1/2, buyers			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$9.3, buyers			
(in Liquidation)							
China Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	40,000	\$7 1/2	88	\$34, sellers		4 1/2 p.c.	
POWERS AND WHARVES.—							
H'kong & Whampoa Wharf & G. Co., Ltd	50,000	\$5 1/2	all	\$7 1/2, buy \$8 1/2 sal		5 p.c.	
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$5 1/2	all	\$8 1/2, buy \$9 1/2, buy		4 1/2 p.c.	
S'hai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 60, buyers			
New Engineering & S. B. Works, Ltd.	150,000	Tls. 5	all	Tls. 8 1/2, x. dir.			
S'hai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 90			
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$11.2, sal. & sel.			
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$4 1/2		7 1/2 p.c.	
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$112, buyers		5 p.c.	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,500	\$25	all	\$19 1/2, buyers		5 1/2 p.c.	
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	all	\$3, sales		7 1/2 p.c.	
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	9/11	all	\$5.30, sales		6 p.c.	
INSURANCE.							
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$100	\$50	\$427		6 p.c.	
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$150	\$50	\$162, buyers		7 p.c.	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	\$50	\$420		7 p.c.	
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	Cls. 25	all	Tls. 175, buyers			
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$365		6 1/2 p.c.	
Yangtze Insurance Association Ltd.	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$250, buy. @			
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LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—							
H'kong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd	50,000	\$100	all	\$109		6 1/2 p.c.	
Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.	10,000	\$100	all	\$100			
Hongkong Land Reclamation Co.	25,000	\$100	\$75	\$20			
Hongkong Estate and Finance Co., Ltd	150,000	\$50	all	\$55.90, buy \$7 sal.		6 p.c.	
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$50	\$50	\$40, buyers		7 1/2 p.c.	
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	75,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 107			
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$5	all	\$72, sales		6 p.c.	
Matchappi tot Mijsa, (S'hai)	250,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 33 1/2, buyers			
Landow exploitatie in Langkat							
MINING.							
Ural Caspian Oil Corp., Ltd.	1,000,000	21	all	39 1/2, buyers			
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	21	all	30, buyers			
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd	200,000	21	all	\$1.40, buyers			
Trough Mines, Limited	100,000	21	all	31/8			
Shanghai Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10 sal.	all	\$9.4, buy \$10 sal.		8 p.c.	
	50,000	\$10 9/11		\$0.35, buyers			
SUGAR.							
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$130, buyers			
London Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$38			
SHIP COMPANIES.—							
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$30, buy—			
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	\$50	all	\$23, sal. & buy		6 p.c.	
H'kong, Canton & Macao S.E. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$10	all	\$20		4 p.c.	
				comb. \$15 1/2,			
				buy \$17 1/2, sal.			
				prob. \$22 1/2, buy.			
				\$27 1/2, buy.			
				\$31, o. r.		8 1/2 p.c.	
INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.							
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd	4,047,610	21	all	3 1/8		8 p.c.	
Star Ferry Company, Limited	40,000	\$10	all	\$39, buy \$39 1/2,		6 1/2 p.c.	
North China Morning Post, Limited	40,000	\$25	all	\$25 (incl. 2 sal.			
London Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	69	all	\$11, o. r.		8 1/2 p.c.	
DRUGS AND DISPENSARIES.—							
Powell, Wm., Limited	21,000	\$7	all	\$6 1/2			
Watson & Co. A. S., Limited	30,000	\$10	all	\$6 1/2, sellers		7 1/2 p.c.	
Waterboat Co., Limited	30,000	\$10	all	\$12 1/2		6 p.c.	

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Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
 Sterling
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